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1. A road bridge four meters above the water level of the Vladayska River. It had stone abutments, 8 to 10 m. wide, 15 m. long, one-meter stone sides, stone sidewalks of one meter, and bore city vehicular traffic and trolley line #4 along Stamboulisky Boulevard (A) over the bridge; it had two way vehicular traffic.
2. A road bridge (same as Point 1). Trolley line #3 crossed this bridge; Zhdanov Street (B) crossed the bridge.
3. A road bridge (same details as Point 1) with no trolley line. Tsar Semeon Street (C) crossed over the bridge.
4. A road bridge (same details as Point 1). Kiryl-Metodiy Street (D) crossed over this bridge.
5. Bridge over-pass, built on earth-filled embankments. Trolley line #6 crossed over the bridge and a railroad passed under. This bridge was 12 m. wide, 10 m. long, with a 8 m. clearance above the rails.
6. A railroad bridge of simple supported deck truss-type, built of iron; this bridge crossed over a shallow stream. Its capacity is unknown.
7. A road bridge over the Vladayska River (G), (same details as Point 1 with no trolley line). Opolchenska Street (E) crossed the bridge.

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8. A road bridge, steel, tied (bow string) arch-type. Other details are as in Point 1. Trolley line #6, along Khristobotev Street (F), crossed over the bridge.
9. A road bridge of steel, through plate girder-type; 15 m. wide, 12 m. long. Trolley lines #2 and #6, along Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard (H) crossed over the bridge. This bridge was called "Livov Most" (Lions bridge).
10. A road bridge built of stone, (other details are the same as Point 1). It had no trolley line. Radovsky Street (I) crossed over the bridge.
11. A road bridge, wooden, simple support span-type. Stalingrad Boulevard (J) crossed over the bridge.
12. A railroad bridge, steel, girder-type; 12 m. wide, 12 m. long, 8 m. above an unknown street with trolley line #2. This bridge had double railways.
13. A railroad bridge, steel, girder-type; 10 m. wide, 12 m. long; the Vladayska River (G) passed under it. Clearance over the river was seven or eight meters.
14. A road overpass bridge, called "Chavdar"; it was of stone, and arch-type; constructed in 1950. Karl Schvedskiy (old name) Boulevard (K) crossed over the bridge; a railroad passed below. Clearance over the railroad was 10 m.; capacity is unknown.
15. A railroad bridge of steel, girder-type; 10 m. wide, 10 or 12 m. long. The Perlovska River (L) passed under the bridge; there was an eight-meter-clearance.
16. A railroad bridge, steel, girder-type; 12 m. wide, 12 m. long; clearance above Boulevard General Zaimov (M) was 8 meters.
17. A road bridge of concrete, a simple support-type; 12 m. wide, 12 m. long; clearance over the Perlovska River (L) was five meters. Trolley line #3, along Boulevard General Zaimov (M), crossed the bridge; city vehicular traffic was moderate.
18. The road bridge (same details as Point 17 with no trolley line). Oborishte Street (N) crossed over the Perlovska River (L).
19. A road bridge (same details as Point 17 with no trolley line). Shipka Street (O) crossed over the Perlovska River (L).
20. A road bridge, called "Orlov Bridge", constructed of steel was a thru plate girder-type bridge; it was 25 m. wide, 10 m. long with four meter-clearance over the river; it had heavy vehicular traffic. Trolley line #4, along Boulevard Russkiy (P), crossed over this bridge.
21. A wooden road bridge, girder-type was five meters wide, 10 m. long, and had a four-meter-clearance above the river. There was very little traffic and the bridge was in poor condition. Gurko Street (Q) passed over the bridge.
22. A stone road bridge, masonry arch-type; 12 m. wide, 10 m. long, with a four-meter-clearance above the river (L). Trolley line #2, along Graf Ignatiev Street (R), crossed over this bridge; it was in excellent condition and had heavy traffic.

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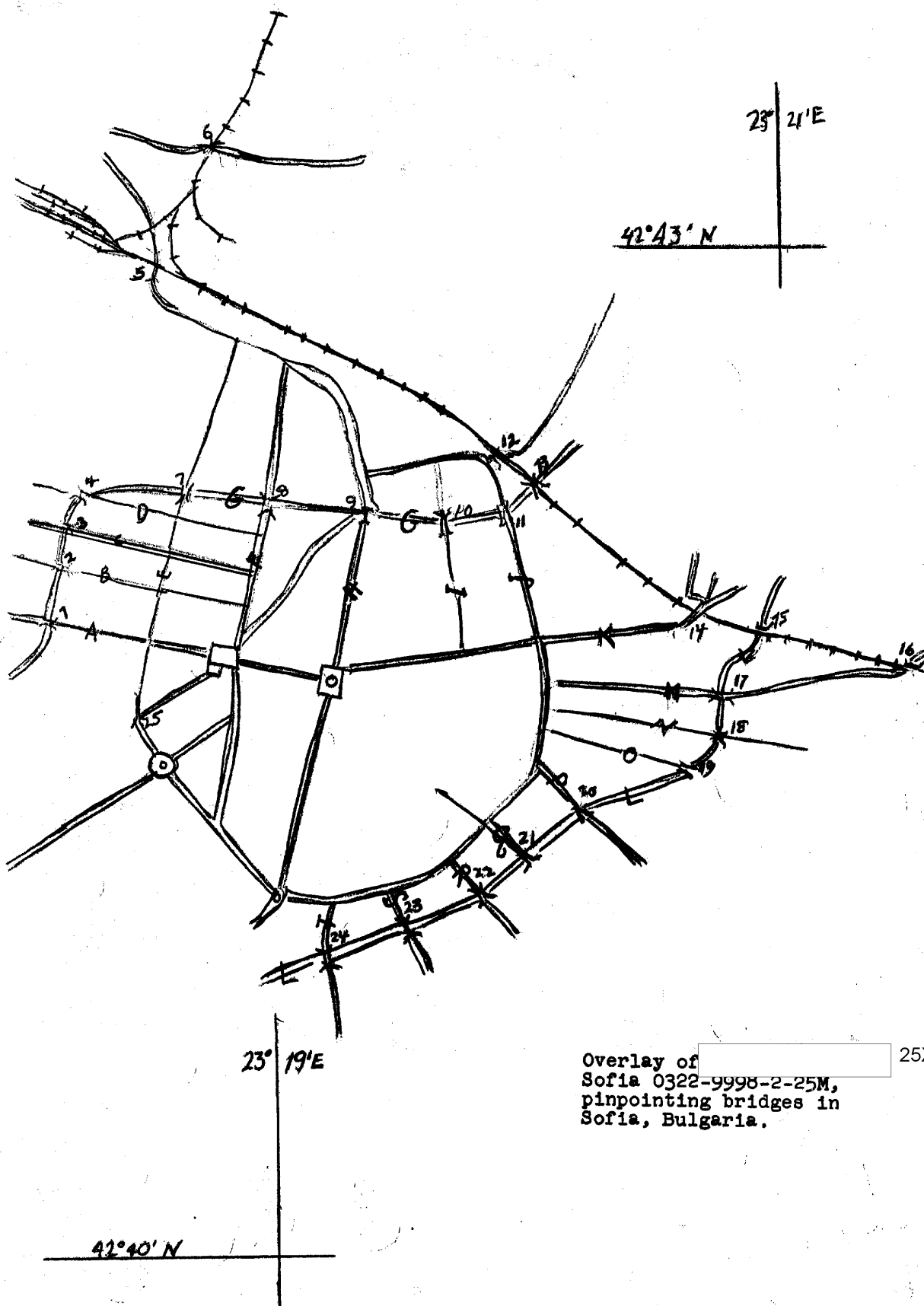
23. A road bridge (same details as Point 22, but had no trolley line and light traffic). An unknown street (S) crossed over the bridge.
24. A road bridge (same details as Point 22). Trolley line #6, along Friedjof Nansen Street (T), crossed over the bridge.
25. A road over-pass bridge built of stone and under-going construction which began in 1952. Opolchenska Street (E) will cross this bridge when it is completed.

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